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RE: UTILITY APPLICATION TITLED:

SAMPLE MASKING TO REDUCE SUBSTRATE BACKSIDE REFLECTIONS

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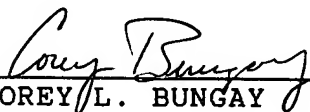
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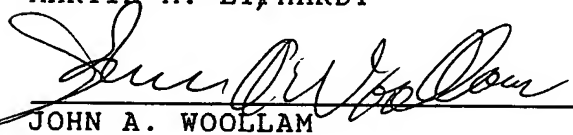
The undersigned, COREY L. BUNGAY, MARTIN M. LIPHARDT AND JOHN A. WOOLLAM, hereby aver that they are the inventors of the invention titled:

SAMPLE MASKING TO REDUCE SUBSTRATE BACKSIDE REFLECTIONS

and that they are independent inventors in accordance with Section 1.9(c) of 37 C.F.R., and that they qualify as a Small Entity as defined in Section 1.9(f) of 37 C.F.R.


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SAMPLE MASKING TO REDUCE SUBSTRATE..

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